

March 31, 2023

The Hon. Kay Granger
Chairwoman
House Committee on Appropriations
H-307, the Capitol
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Hon. Rosa L. DeLauro
Ranking Member
House Committee on Appropriations
1036 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chairwoman Granger and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the Urban League Healthy Food Entrepreneurship Facility Construction project in Fiscal Year 2024. The entity to receive funding for this project is:

Urban League of Greater Madison
2222 S. Park Street
Madison, WI 53713

This project is an appropriate use of federal funds because it will support the construction of up to 5,000 square feet of new space within the Urban League's Black Business Hub to serve as a new Healthy Food Entrepreneurship program that will be used to train, launch, and support BIPOC food entrepreneurs. The project will allow underserved BIPOC food entrepreneurs access to much-needed space to launch and/or expand their food businesses along with access to training, business mentoring, capital, and other services to empower Black business owners and aspiring entrepreneurs. The project will also improve access to healthy prepared foods in an underserved community.

The project has a federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by 42 U.S.C. 5305(a)(2).

I certify neither I nor my immediate family have any financial interest in this Community Project Funding request.

Sincerely,



Mark Pocan
Member of Congress